

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. HAMPTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1135.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1135) "authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust and settle accounts for arms with the State of South Carolina," beg leave to report :

That it appears from the papers in the case that Governor Scott, in 1869, sent the adjutant and inspector general of the State, F. J. Moses, jr., to Washington, "to make requisition upon the United States Government for the quota of arms due this State, and to receive and receipt for the same"; that in pursuance of the order of Governor Scott, Moses made a requisition, and was notified by Col. T. J. Treadwell, in charge of the Ordnance Office, that there was due to the State on account of the quota the sum of \$8,798.78. Upon receipt of this information, Moses wrote to General Dyer, Chief of Ordnance, that "the number of arms embraced in such quota would be entirely inadequate to the purposes for which the arms are desired by the governor," and he asked that 10,000 Springfield muskets and the like number of sets of infantry accouterments should be issued to the State. This request was approved by the Secretary of War, Hon. John A. Rawlins, and the arms were issued.

The State was charged for these arms \$124,000. Since that time the State has been credited with the amount of her annual quota, reducing the balance still due to \$80,596.08.

In view of the fact that the act of April 23, 1808, provides for an annual distribution of arms to the several States, and in consideration of the circumstances attending the extraordinary requisition of Governor Scott, by which the State has been deprived of her quota of arms during the last eleven years, and will be for twenty years to come, it seems but an act of equity that she should be relieved from the debt charged against her by the general government. Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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